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This is in response to the reply brief filed 01 December 2005. The reply brief is noted and the arguments presented in the Examiner's Answer stand.

The previous action noting the Reply brief dated 21 February 2006 is hereby vacated.

Additionally, in section 10 (page 3) of the Examiner's Answer dated 06 October 2005, the Kaplan reference is incorrectly numbered as U.S. Patent 5,734,719 and should be numbered as U.S. Patent 5,237,157.

Further, a considered copy of the IDS filed 30 March 2005 is included herein.

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